

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 271-2004



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: October 14, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

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Subject: **CITY'S PERMITTING PROCESS/ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (DERM) MUNICIPAL REVIEW
REQUIREMENTS RELATIVE TO SEWER CAPACITY CERTIFICATIONS**

In July, 2004 City staff and Commissioner Saul Gross met with representatives from the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) in the City's continuing efforts to streamline the permitting process.

As a result, attached please find correspondence in this regard and a response from DERM indicating DERM's agreement to grant the City's recommendation to preclude interior renovation projects from pursuing sanitary sewer certification of transmission capacity when they meet specified criteria. In essence, this will eliminate the extra step of requiring a developer/contractor to visit DERM offices in Downtown Miami for an additional approval and assist in streamlining the development approval process.

We are pleased with this result and will continue to pursue further streamlining initiatives.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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c: Christina M. Cuervo, Assistant City Manager
Phil Azan, Building Director

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BY
August 12, 2004

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Re: City of Miami Beach July 12, 2004, request to modify certification of Sanitary Sewer Collection/Transmission Capacity.

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

This shall acknowledge receipt of the above-referenced request to modify the sewer certification process, specifically with respect to interior renovation projects within the jurisdiction of the City of Miami Beach. In accordance with the discussions held with the DERM staff on July 9, 2004, DERM agrees that it is unnecessary to obtain the Sanitary Sewer Certification of Transmission/Capacity for interior renovation projects which meet the following criteria:


- 1) Limited to renovation of building spaces with no change in use and more specifically, limited to "office use to office use" and "general retail use to general retail use"; and,
- 2) There is no increase in the overall square footage of floor space in the new use; and
- 3) Water use and sewage flows will not/do not increase.

All uses listed in "Attachment A" will continue to require DERM review and certification. Interior renovation projects where there is no change in use, no increase in floor space, and no increase in sewage flows will not require DERM review and certification.

Regarding enhancement of communications, DERM has been encouraging greater use of electronic interaction with municipalities and the general public throughout all of our programs. The efficiency benefits to be gained through improved communications will shorten and streamline the plan review process and will certainly improve our service to the public. DERM is willing to implement any reasonable improvements to the process that our respective staffs identify where these efficiencies can be realized.

Thank you for your continued efforts to improve plan review services to the public and to further our mutual overall goals of enhancing environmental protection in the City and Miami-Dade County.

Sincerely,



John W. Renfrow, P.E.
Director

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ADDENDUM A

- Aboveground (and underground) storage facilities
- Aerial pesticide applicators (crop dusters)
- Agricultural field packing facilities
- Agricultural packing houses (stationary)
- Agricultural waste facilities
- Agricultural waste pretreatment facilities
- Agricultural waste reclaim systems
- Agricultural waste treatment facilities
- Aircraft maintenance or repair
- Aircraft parts or components maintenance or repairs
- Animal clinics
- Animal grooming facilities
- Anodizing facilities
- Bakeries
- Battery manufacturing
- Battery reclaiming facilities
- Battery refurbishing facilities
- Boat docking facilities (all commercial)
- Boat docking facilities (ten or more slips and vessel tieup spaces)
- Boat maintenance or repair
- Boat parts or components maintenance or repairs
- Cafeteria kitchens
- Chemical distribution
- Chemical manufacturing facilities
- Chemical packaging
- Chemical storage
- Construction contractor's facilities (handling hazardous materials)
- Construction equipment maintenance or repair
- Construction equipment parts or components maintenance or repairs
- Distribution facilities
- Doctor's offices with x-ray development
- Dry cleaning facilities
- Electrical motor maintenance or repair
- Engine maintenance or repair
- Engine maintenance or repair
- Food processing plants
- Funeral homes
- Grease traps (non-residential)
- Hospitals
- Hotel kitchens
- Industrial waste generating facilities
- Industrial waste pretreatment facilities
- Industrial waste reclaim systems
- Industrial waste treatment facilities
- Jewelry manufacturing and repairs facilities
- Junk yards
- Lake filling (cleanfill/construction demolition debris)
- Landfills (e.g., Class I, II, III, construction demolition debris, ash, etc.)
- Land uses inside the NW, West, SW/Alexander Orr, or Hialeah/Preston Wellfields not on sewers
- Machine shops
- Management facilities
- Materials recycling facilities (MRFs)
- Mechanical repair facilities
- Medical, research or chemical laboratories
- Mulching and composting facilities
- Packaging facilities
- Paint and body shops
- Paint manufacturing, distribution and product testing
- Paint research laboratory facilities
- Pest control facilities
- Photographic processing facilities or laboratories
- Plastics manufacturing facilities
- Printing facilities
- Product holding tanks
- Product spill prevention control systems
- Recycling facilities (eg. Metal, tire, processing, glass, paper, plastic, etc.)
- Repackaging facilities
- Resource recovery and management facilities
- Restaurants
- Sewage pumping stations (private)
- Sewage treatment plants
- Silk printing facilities
- Risk Based Corrective Action/Site Closure Permit
- Silk screening facilities
- Soil treatment facilities
- Storage facilities
- Textile dyeing facilities
- Tire wholesalers (used tires)
- Transfer stations (eg. Construction/demolition debris, biohazardous waste, etc.)
- Transmission facilities

ADDENDUM A

Treatment facilities
Underground (and above ground) storage facilities
Vehicle maintenance or repair
Vehicle paint and body shops
Vehicle parts or components maintenance or repairs
Waste holding tanks
Waste spill prevention control systems
Water treatment plants
Wood recyclers (incl. Stationary mulching facilities)

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July 12, 2004

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Dear Mr. Renfrow:

Pursuant to a meeting held on July 9, 2004 with Alyce M. Robertson and Jose Lopez of your staff with Miami Beach Commissioner Saul Gross and City staff, this letter is being submitted to formally document the City of Miami Beach's request regarding municipal review requirements relative to sewer capacity certifications.


The City understands that any change in use that increases the sanitary sewer flow to the existing sewer system requires DERM approval and review. The City requests your consideration to streamline the DERM review and approval requirement for interior renovation projects where there is no change in use that results in no increase in sanitary sewer flows, such as office to office or general retail to general retail. We understand that uses listed in Attachment "A", such as Doctor's offices, beauty salon, etc., will require DERM review and approval.

Specifically, in interior renovation projects where the use remains the same, then no sewer allocation review and approval will be required by DERM, which would be consistent with DERM regulations since general office and general retail are not listed on Attachment "A".

Additionally, enhanced communication measures, such as the use of technology to streamline the transmittal of information between the City and DERM, would also be extremely beneficial.

We appreciate your consideration in this regard and look forward to your favorable review of this request to further enhance the permitting experience.

Sincerely,


Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

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Attachment

- c: Alyce M. Robertson, Assistant Director, Environmental Resources Management, M-D County
Saul Gross, Commissioner, City of Miami Beach
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Phil Azan, Director, Building Department, City of Miami Beach
Hamid Dolikhani, Assistant Director, Building Department, City of Miami Beach
Mohsen Jarahpour, Chief Engineering Inspector, City of Miami Beach